

## The Urgency of Leaving an Islamic Legacy

Servants of Allah,

There is a question that follows every human being like a shadow, whether he acknowledges it or not: What will remain of me when I am gone?

We live in a time where people chase visibility but forget legacy. They build platforms, but not foundations. They accumulate followers, but not deeds. Yet Allah, the Most High, redirects our attention to something far more enduring:

﴿إِنَّا نَحْنُ نُحْيِي الْمَوْتَىٰ وَنَكْتُبُ مَا قَدَّمُوا وَآثَارَهُمْ﴾

"Indeed, We give life to the dead, and We record what they sent before and what they leave behind"

Reflect carefully: not only what you did, but what you left behind.

Your legacy is not what people say about you at your janazah. Your legacy is what continues to benefit or harm you after you are buried.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ gave us a principle that cuts through all illusions:

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "إِذَا مَاتَ ابْنُ آدَمَ انْقَطَعَ عَمَلُهُ إِلَّا مِنْ ثَلَاثٍ: صَدَقَةٌ جَارِيَةٌ، أَوْ عِلْمٌ يُنْتَفَعُ بِهِ، أَوْ وَلَدٌ صَالِحٌ يَدْعُو لَهُ

"When the son of Adam dies, his deeds come to an end except for three: ongoing charity, beneficial knowledge, or a righteous child who prays for him."  
(Saheeh Muslim #1631)

Three things. Not wealth. Not status. Not titles.  
Three.

So the question becomes uncomfortable, but necessary:

What knowledge have you spread that will outlive you?

What goodness have you established that will continue without you?

Who have you raised who will remember you in du'ā' when the world forgets your name?

Brothers and sisters,

The early generations understood this deeply. They did not live for moments. They lived for legacy and continuation.

A man would teach one student sincerely, hoping that on the Day of Judgment, that student would be his light. A woman would raise her child upon tawheed, hoping that every sajdah of that child would echo in her scale of deeds.

They invested in what cannot decay.

But today, people invest in what expires quickly. Hours lost in distraction. Years spent building things that will not even accompany them to the grave, let alone beyond it.

Allah says:

﴿وَالْبَاقِيَاتُ الصَّالِحَاتُ خَيْرٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ أَمْلاً﴾

"And the lasting good deeds are better with your Lord in reward and better in hope." [الكهف: 46]

The باقيات الصالحات — the enduring deeds. That is your real portfolio.

Not what trends. What remains.

So build a legacy rooted in:

- \* Knowledge: Teach even one ayah correctly. Explain one hadith sincerely. Guide one heart to Allah.
- \* Action: Establish a sadaqah that continues — even something small, but consistent.
- \* People: Raise, mentor, and influence others upon righteousness.

Because a single sincere impact can outlive generations.

Servants of Allah,

Do not underestimate the ripple effect of sincerity. A word you speak today may guide someone you will never meet. And that person may guide hundreds. And all of it will return to you while you lie beneath the earth.

This is how the righteous lived forever — not in their bodies, but in their legacies.

I seek forgiveness from Allah for me and for you, so seek His forgiveness. Indeed, He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

## **Second Khutbah**

Fear Allah, servants of Allah, and know that legacy is not built at the end of life. It is built in the unnoticed choices of every day.

A legacy is formed:

- \* When you choose sincerity over showing off.
- \* When you choose patience over reaction.

\* When you choose the Hereafter over the dunya-worldly life.

Many people assume they need something grand to leave behind. But the truth is almost offensive in its simplicity: consistency in small deeds, done sincerely, creates the greatest legacies.

The Prophet ﷺ transformed the world not through sudden spectacle, but through steady, unwavering commitment to truth.

So start where you are:

\* A father teaching his child salah is building legacy.

\* A sister correcting a misunderstanding about Islam is building legacy.

\* A young person resisting temptation for the sake of Allah is building legacy.

\* A group of brothers sharing Islam and feeding the poor in the inner cities weekly or monthly is building legacy.

Every sincere act plants something in the unseen.

And one day, when the soil is thrown over you, and the cover closing your grave is sealed, those seeds you planted will either bloom into light... or be absent, leaving darkness.

So ask yourself honestly:

If I were to meet Allah today, what would still be working for me?

What is still speaking on my behalf?

What continues to write in my book?

Servants of Allah,

Do not leave this world empty-handed while you had the ability to plant something eternal.

Build something that death cannot erase.

End.